

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY  
USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY  
AMCONSUL BOMBAY PRIORITY  
AMCONSUL CALCUTTA PRIORITY  
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BANGKOK FOR TEXTILE DEL, GENEVA FOR PHELAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EPAP, IN

SUBJECT:TEXTILES-INDIA

REFS: (A) NEW DELHI 8129 (B) NEW DELHI 8549

1. BY MAY 25, US IMPORTS OF INDIAN TEXTILE PRODUCTS  
VISAED AS SUBJECT TO GROUP II (APPAREL, MISCELLANEOUS AND  
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MADE-UPS) HAD REACHED THE UNADJUSTED GROUP II LIMIT. ON  
MAY 26, INDIAN EMBASSY REQUESTED THAT SWING AND CARRY-  
FORWARD BE ADDED TO GROUP II LIMIT. THIS HAS BEEN DONE  
AND WE ARE INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY THAT SMALL AMOUNT OF  
CARRYOVER MAY BE AVAILABLE. PRESENT ADJUSTED LIMIT FOR  
GROUP II IS 41,067,000 SYE; IMPORTS TO DATE ARE OVER 38  
MILLION SYE, SO ADJUSTED LIMIT WILL BE REACHED VERY SOON.

THERE HAS BEEN NO EMBARGO YET, BUT WE UNDERSTAND CUSTOMS HAS IMPOSED DAY-TO-DAY DELAYS SO AS TO BE ABLE TO ALLOCATE REMAINING QUOTA AS SHIPMENTS ARRIVE.

2. ON MAY 24, INDIAN ECON MINISTER DIXIT MET WITH INTERESTED AGENCIES TO REPORT THAT GOI HAD MADE SERIOUS ERROR IN ISSUING VISAS AND ELEPHANT AND EXEMPT CERTIFICATIONS.FOLLOWING CLOSELY ALONG LINES REPORTED REFTEL 'A,' HE SAID THAT APPROXIMATELY 50-60 PERCENT OF

PRODUCTS VISAED AS SUBJECT TO GROUP II LIMIT SHOULD ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN ISSUED ELEPHANT CERTIFICATIONS. GOI STATISTICS SHOWED THAT ABOUT 21 MILLION SYE HAD BEEN SHIPPED UNDER GROUP II VISAS, SO ABOUT 10-11 MILLION SYE SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM SHIPMENTS CHARGED TO GROUP II. HE REQUESTED USG TO ADJUST FIGURES ACCORDINGLY AND TO AVOID STOPPING FLOW OF IMPORTS. US SIDE AGREED TO CONSIDER HIS REQUEST BUT MADE NO PROMISE THAT A SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND. WE EMPHASIZED THAT DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF EXISTENCE AND SIZE OF GOI ERROR WOULD BE NECESSARY. WE ARE NOW REVIEWING GOI REQUEST AND AWAITING ANY EVIDENCE THEY MAY OFFER. PRESS ARTICLE CITED REFTEL 'B', WHICH SAYS US HAS AGREED TO GOI REQUEST IS NOT RPT NOT TRUE.

3. WE HAVE NO CLEAR IDEA OF VALUE OF SHIPMENTS OF GROUP II PRODUCTS WHICH MAY NOW BE IN TRANSPORTATION PIPELINE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OR IN PREPARATION IN INDIA. 35 MILLION DOLLARS SEEMS HIGH. CHRISTOPHER

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